

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 23 and continuing on page 8, through line 11 as follows.

Figure 1 is a cross-sectional view illustrating a subassembly of a needle hub 2, base 4, barrel 6, needle assembly 8 and an energy storage means 10 of a syringe 1 (shown in figure 13) of this invention in a normal pre-injection position. In a preferred embodiment, energy storage means is a spring 10. Base 4 is shown as a deformable body, but could be formed of multiple pieces, e.g. one piece that is deformable (such as an o-ring or the like) and others rigid. Needle assembly 8 is affixed to the barrel 6 by guiding the threaded end of needle hub 2 through the center of passageway 15 and inserting needle assembly 8 into the front of barrel 6 until mating shelf 17 on needle assembly 8 contacts and is positioned against the top edge of the barrel 6. Permanent joining between the needle assembly 8 and the barrel 6 can be accomplished by ultrasonic welding around the circumference of barrel 6 at overlap 7 between the two parts, or any other permanent attaching means can be used. Attachment of the needle assembly 8 to the barrel 6 creates a liquid tight seal between the two parts. As a result of this assembly step, ~~the end~~ a terminal edge of the needle assembly 8 is positioned just in contact with engaging flanges 19 of at least one supports member 21, having a first end and a second end thus preventing movement of the base 4 and the needle hub 2 contained therein for normal syringe use. If the needle hub 2 is formed as part of a single molded syringe barrel 6, then the needle head 2 could be molded with a ridge or the like against which flanges 19 could bear. A preferred material for the base 4 is an elastomer. Supports member 21 ~~are~~ is illustrated in the preferred embodiment as a pair of opposing semicircular cantilevered beams, however, it is envisioned according to this invention that supports member 21 could be connected and unitary, divided up further, or in some embodiments, be eliminated all together.